

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A guest data management method for a navigation system, comprising the following steps of:

5       creating a guest database which stores at least information on guests and information on destinations associated with the guests;

      editing the guest database by modifying the information stored in the database or adding new information to the database; and

10       retrieving information from the guest database for determining a destination for a travel with one of the guests whose information is stored in the database.

2. A guest data management method as defined in Claim 1, wherein said database includes information as to whether  
15 a particular guest is pleased or the guest shows favorable opinion on a particular destination.

3. A guest data management method as defined in Claim 1, wherein said database includes information on persons involved in a travel to the destination including a user of  
20 the navigation system or a driver of a vehicle used for the travel to the destination.

4. A guest data management method as defined in Claim 1, wherein said database includes information created by a user based on personal impression of a particular destination  
25 acquired when the user visited the destination or evaluation of the destination by the user.

5. A guest data management method as defined in Claim 1, wherein said database includes information created by a user based on impression or opinion expressed by a particular  
30 guest when the user and the guest visited the destination.

6. A guest data management method as defined in Claim 1, wherein said step of creating the guest database includes a step of storing relevant information through a manual input process made by a user.

7. A guest data management method as defined in Claim 1, wherein said step of creating the guest database includes a step of automatically storing information available through a normal operation of the navigation system including a name  
5 of a destination, address of the destination, and a time and date of visiting the destination.

8. A guest data management method as defined in Claim 1, wherein said step of creating the guest database includes a step of storing information available through an extended  
10 function of the navigation system including road condition, traffic condition, or weather condition during a travel to a destination when the navigation system includes appropriate sensors or a wireless communication means to acquire information on such conditions.

9. A guest data management apparatus for a navigation system, comprising:

means for creating a guest database which stores at least information on guests and information on destinations associated with the guests;

20 means for editing the guest database by modifying the information stored in the database or adding new information to the database; and

means for retrieving information from the guest database for determining a destination for a travel  
25 with one of the guests whose information is stored in the database.

10. A guest data management apparatus as defined in Claim 9, wherein said database includes information as to whether a particular guest is pleased or the guest shows  
30 favorable opinion on a particular destination.

11. A guest data management apparatus as defined in Claim 9, wherein said database includes information on persons involved in a travel to the destination including a user of the navigation system or a driver of a vehicle used  
35 for the travel to the destination.

12. A guest data management apparatus as defined in Claim 9, wherein said database includes information created by a user based on personal impression of a particular destination acquired when the user visited the destination  
5 or evaluation of the destination by the user.

13. A guest data management apparatus as defined in Claim 9, wherein said database includes information created by a user based on impression or opinion expressed by a particular guest when the user and the guest visited the  
10 destination.

14. A guest data management apparatus as defined in Claim 9, wherein means for creating the guest database includes means for storing relevant information through a manual input process made by a user.

15 15. A guest data management apparatus as defined in Claim 9, wherein said means for creating the guest database includes means for automatically storing information available through a normal operation of the navigation system including a name of a destination, address of the  
20 destination, and a time and date of visiting the destination.

16. A guest data management apparatus as defined in Claim 9, wherein said means for creating the guest database includes means for storing information available through an extended function of the navigation system including road  
25 condition, traffic condition, or weather condition during a travel to a destination when the navigation system includes appropriate sensors or a wireless communication means to acquire information on such conditions.